



## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Uvalde County, Texas convened in regular session via video conferencing utilizing Zoom. The following members were in attendance:

William R. Mitchell, *County Judge*  
Randy Scheide, *Commissioner Pct. #1*  
Jerry W. Bates, *Commissioner Pct. #3*  
Randy Scheide, *Commissioner Pct. #1*  
Ronnie Garza, *Commissioner Pct. #4*  
John Dodson, *County Attorney*  
Valerie Del Toro Romero, *County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of  
the Commissioner's Court*

Also connected to video conference utilizing Zoom were: *County Treasurer* Joni Deorsam, *County Auditor* Alice Chapman, *Road Administrator* Dee Kirkpatrick, *County Consultant* Carl Esser and Julye Keeble with *Uvalde Leader News*.

Absent: None

### **1. Consider and act upon call to order, invocation and pledge of allegiance:**

The Honorable William R. Mitchell called the meeting of October 13, 2020 to order at 10:00 AM followed with the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

### **2. Consider and act upon approval of minutes:**

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the minutes of September 28, 2020.  
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.  
Motion carried (4-0).

### **3. Consider and act upon nomination of candidates for two seats as directors for the Uvalde County Appraisal District:**

Nominations were considered by the Court for two positions due to expire on December 31, 2020 to serve a two year term to the Uvalde County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The County of Uvalde is entitled to 652 votes for the appointment of two members to serve for fiscal years 2021 and 2022 by written resolution adopted by the governing body listing candidates before the deadline of October 15, 2020. The Court considered the nominations of Javier Flores and John T. Buchanan.

Motion by Commissioner Scheide to re-nominate Javier Flores and John T. Buchanan to the Uvalde County Appraisal Board of Directors.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

**4. Consider and act upon request of Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District for installation of internet at Concan Community Center to monitor water level:**

The Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District requested authorization from the Court to install internet service in the Concan Community Center building owned by the office of the Uvalde County Judge for the purpose of installing a monitor in the well that would gage the water level in the Concan area and electronically report the data to the Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District. The Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District will pay for the installation and monthly service.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve the request of the Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District for internet services at the Conan Community building.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

**5. Consider and act upon resolution to apply to TWDB for Flood Infrastructure Fund:**

County Consultant Carl Esser requested approval of a resolution to the Texas Water Development Board for flood infrastructure seeking financial assistance in the amount of \$300,000.00 to construct and install a self supporting communications tower for early warning system. The proposed site of the tower is the county owned land adjacent to the Uvalde County Road Department on US Highway 83. The County of Uvalde would be responsible for 27% of the \$300,000.00 grant funding for a total amount of \$81,000.00 in cash or in-kind labor.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve the resolution to the Texas Water Development Board.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

**6. Consider and act upon Esser & Company Contract for Flood Infrastructure Fund:**

The Court considered a proposed contract between the County of Uvalde and Esser & Company outlined by County Consultant Carl Esser for the administration management services of the flood infrastructure grant fund for the self supporting communications tower with compensation in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve the contract with Esser & Company.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

**7. Consider and act upon Resolution for County Transportation Infrastructure Fund:**

County Consultant Carl Esser requested approval from the Court on a resolution for the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$127,970.00 for the county transportation infrastructure fund grant program previously approved by the Court to include the matching funding required from the County of Uvalde in the amount of \$14,219.00.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve resolution for the Texas Department of Transportation.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

**8. Consider and act upon grant funding application to assist in election administration:**

Elections Administrator Melissa Jones Bradham requested consideration and approval from the Court for a Center for Tech and Civic Life grant award in the amount of \$23,395.50 to be used exclusively for the public purpose of planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration in the County of Uvalde from June 15, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Scheide to approve grant funding award from the Center for Tech and Civic Life.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

**9. Consider and act upon request to change PR 1005 to Ligocky Lane for 911 addressing purpose:**

Commissioner Mariano Pargas requested the Court consider a name change for Private Road 1005 to Ligocky Lane located off of FM 481 south of the Uvalde city limits to assist first responders and for 911 identification purposes.

Motion by Commissioner Pargas to approve name change for Private Road 1005 to Ligocky Lane.

Seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Motion carried (4-0).

**10. Consider and act upon 2020-2021 Data Disaster Recovery Plan:**

County Auditor Alice Chapman requested consideration of the annual requirement to approve the 2020-2021 Data Disaster Recovery Policy. This policy outlines the recovery plan requirements to limit the extent of disruption and damage and to provide a smooth and rapid restoration of service during an emergency or disaster that affects information systems for the County of Uvalde.

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve the 2020-2021 Data Disaster Recovery Plan.

Seconded by Commissioner Bates.

Motion carried (4-0).

**11. Consider and act upon Road Administrators report:**

Road Administrator Dee Kirkpatrick informed the Court that the Road Department worked on patching roads and right of way clearing throughout the county, ordered a four post lift used for maintaining road department trucks, met with Mr. Suarez and Commissioner Garza regarding County Road 202, County Road 412 was graveled and County Road 416 was now open.

No action taken.

**12. Consider and act upon line item budget amendments:**

No amendments were presented to the court for consideration at this time.

No action taken.

**13. Consider and act upon payment of bills:**

Motion by Commissioner Garza to approve payment of bills.  
Seconded by Commissioner Bates.  
Motion carried (4-0).

**14. Consider and act upon approval of monthly reports:**

Monthly reports on file for review in the office of the Uvalde County Clerk were presented for consideration and approval.  
Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve monthly reports.  
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.  
Motion carried (4-0).

**15. Consider and act upon payroll approval:**

Motion by Commissioner Bates to approve payroll.  
Seconded by Commissioner Pargas.  
Motion carried (4-0).

**16. Consider and act upon resolutions and proclamations:**

The Court approved resolutions in honor of the memory of the following individuals:

Juan Antonio Castillo, Sr. †  
Benito Reyes Gonzales, Jr. †  
Elmer J. Ireton †  
Terry Lemke †  
Jesus Ortiz Lopez †  
James "Jim" Mortensen †  
Manuel L. Ortiz †  
Shelia R. Standifer †

With no further business, the meeting of October 13, 2020 was adjourned.

Exhibits identified under a specific agenda item are included as supporting documentation of the action taken by the Uvalde County Commissioners Court and are placed after the minutes and before the last page titled Commissioners Court Order.

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER**

On this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020, came to be heard the Uvalde County Commissioners Court Minutes of October 13, 2020, as prepared by the Clerk of the Court.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED the foregoing be recorded and entered for record in the UVALDE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES, as required by law. (ORDER 03-12-12)

**APPROVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

William R. Mitchell, County Judge

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Randy Scheide, Commissioner Pct. #1

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Mariano Pargas, Jr., Commissioner Pct. #2

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Jerry W. Bates, Commissioner Pct. #3

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Ronnie Garza, Commissioner Pct. #4

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**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Valerie Del Toro Romero, County Clerk and  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court  
of Uvalde County, Texas